

Linder	Pascrell	Sherman
Lipinski	Pastor	Shimkus
LoBiondo	Paul	Shuler
Loeback	Payne	Shuster
Lofgren, Zoe	Pearce	Simpson
Lowey	Pence	Sires
Lucas	Perlmutter	Skelton
Lungren, Daniel E.	Peterson (MN)	Smith (NE)
	Petri	Smith (NJ)
Lynch	Pickering	Smith (TX)
Mack	Pitts	Smith (WA)
Mahoney (FL)	Platts	Snyder
Maloney (NY)	Poe	Solis
Manzullo	Pomeroy	Souder
Marchant	Porter	Space
Markey	Price (GA)	Spratt
Marshall	Price (NC)	Stearns
Matheson	Pryce (OH)	Stupak
Matsui	Putnam	Sullivan
McCarthy (CA)	Radanovich	Sutton
McCarthy (NY)	Rahall	Tancredo
McCauley (TX)	Ramstad	Tanner
McCollum (MN)	Rangel	Taylor
McCotter	Regula	Terry
McCrery	Rehberg	Thompson (CA)
McDermott	Reichert	Thompson (MS)
McGovern	Renzi	Thornberry
McHenry	Reyes	Tiberi
McHugh	Reynolds	Tierney
McIntyre	Rodriguez	Turner
McKeon	Rogers (AL)	Udall (CO)
McMorris	Rogers (KY)	Udall (NM)
Rodgers	Rogers (MI)	Upton
McNerney	Rohrabacher	Van Hollen
McNulty	Ros-Lehtinen	Velázquez
Meehan	Roskam	Visclosky
Melancon	Ross	Walberg
Mica	Rothman	Walden (OR)
Michaud	Roybal-Allard	Walsh (NY)
Millender	Royce	Walz (MN)
McDonald	Ruppersberger	Wamp
Miller (FL)	Ryan (OH)	Wasserman
Miller (MI)	Ryan (WI)	Schultz
Miller, Gary	Salazar	Watson
Miller, George	Sali	Watt
Mitchell	Sánchez, Linda T.	Waxman
Mollohan		Weiner
Moore (KS)	Sanchez, Loretta	Welch (VT)
Moore (WI)	Sarbanes	Weldon (FL)
Moran (KS)	Saxton	Weller
Murphy (CT)	Schakowsky	Wexler
Murphy, Patrick	Schiff	Whitfield
Murphy, Tim	Schmidt	Wicker
Musgrave	Schwartz	Wilson (NM)
Nadler	Scott (GA)	Wilson (OH)
Napolitano	Scott (VA)	Wilson (SC)
Neugebauer	Sensenbrenner	Wolf
Nunes	Serrano	Woolsey
Oberstar	Sessions	Wu
Obey	Sestak	Wynn
Olver	Shadegg	Yarmuth
Ortiz	Shays	Young (AK)
Pallone	Shea-Porter	Young (FL)

## NOT VOTING—43

Abercrombie	Fattah	Miller (NC)
Ackerman	Goode	Moran (VA)
Barton (TX)	Graves	Murtha
Bono	Hunter	Myrick
Brady (PA)	Issa	Neal (MA)
Brown, Corrine	Jackson-Lee	Peterson (PA)
Butterfield	(TX)	Rush
Cummings	Johnson, E. B.	Slaughter
Davis (IL)	Jones (OH)	Stark
Davis, Jo Ann	Kilpatrick	Tauscher
DeGette	Lantos	Tiahrt
Diaz-Balart, L.	Larson (CT)	Towns
Edwards	LaTourette	Waters
Emerson	Meek (FL)	Westmoreland
Engel	Meeks (NY)	

□ 1912

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I could not be present today, Monday, March 5, 2007 to vote on rollcall vote

Nos. 119 and 120 due to a family medical matter.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

“Yea” on rollcall vote No. 119 on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 995, a bill to amend Public Law 106–348 to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

“yea” on rollcall vote No. 120 on passage of H.R. 497, the Brigadier General Francis Marion Memorial Act of 2007.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, due to official business I was unable to vote on Monday, March 5, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on Final Passage of H.R. 995, To Amend Public Law 106–348 to Extend the Authorization for Establishing a Memorial in the District of Columbia or Its Environs to Honor Veterans Who Became Disabled While Serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and “yea” on Final Passage on H.R. 497, the Brigadier General Francis Marion Memorial Act of 2007.

## REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 110TH CONGRESS

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110–29) on the resolution (H. Res. 202) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

## AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 700, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WATER SUPPLY ACT; H.R. 569, WATER QUALITY INVESTMENT ACT; AND H.R. 720, WATER QUALITY FINANCING ACT OF 2007

(Mr. HASTINGS of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee intends to meet Tuesday, March 6, to report rules for floor consideration of H.R. 569, the Water Quality Investment Act; and H.R. 700, the Healthy Communities Water Supply Act. It is anticipated that the rules will require that amendments be preprinted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration.

Members who wish to offer an amendment must preprint their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD by the close of business Tuesday, March 6, to ensure that their amendments are printed prior to consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Amendments should be drafted to the text of H.R. 569 or H.R. 700 as reported

by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The bills are posted on the Rules Committee Web site. Amendments should be drafted by Legislative Counsel and also should be reviewed by the Office of the Parliamentarian to be sure that amendments comply with the rules of the House. Members are also strongly encouraged to submit their amendments to the Congressional Budget Office for analysis regarding possible PAYGO violations.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee intends to meet this week to report a rule that could limit the amendment process on H.R. 720, the Water Quality Financing Act of 2007.

Members who wish to offer an amendment to this bill should submit 55 copies of the amendment and a brief description of the amendment to the Rules Committee in H-312 in the Capitol no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, March 7.

Amendments must be drafted to the bill as ordered reported on March 1 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. A copy of that bill will be posted on the Web site of the Rules Committee. Amendments should be drafted by Legislative Counsel and also should be reviewed by the Office of the Parliamentarian to be sure that amendments comply with the rules of the House. Members are also strongly encouraged to submit their amendments to the Congressional Budget Office for analysis regarding possible PAYGO violations.

□ 1915

## TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, March 2, 2007, marked Texas Independence Day. 171 years ago that day the Texas Declaration of Independence was ratified by the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos in Texas.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was produced literally overnight. Its urgency was paramount because while it was being prepared, the Alamo in San Antonio was under siege by Santa Anna's army of Mexico.

Immediately upon the assemblage of the Convention of 1836 on March 1, a committee of five delegates were appointed to draft the document. The committee consisted of George C. Childress, Edward Conrad, James Gaines, Bailey Hardeman, and Colin McKinney. It was briefly reviewed then adopted by the delegates the following day.

It started off echoing the lines of the American counterpart with the words: “When a government has ceased to protect the lives and liberty and property of the people . . .”

It spoke of numerous injustices inflicted upon the people of the State,